



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

August 22, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

PLEASE READ THE BULLETIN. Many read the bulletin at least half the time, but then it is good for us to repeat some things more than once. I feel for people who receive the bulletin as they are walking to their car; they can't read it while they are walking, nor while they are driving. So, they leave it in the car to read it later.

This past Tuesday I received a letter asking me to write on the subject of encouraging people to wear the mask at Mass. Two days before I received the letter, I had a long paragraph in the bulletin on the importance of the social responsibility of "wearing the mask." The author of the letter also stated that the Extraordinary Ministers should be wearing masks, and this was ruled by the Liturgy Committee the week before. So, the following is a reprint from last Sunday for those who, in this busy life we all live, never read the bulletin the ushers hand them as they leave the church. There are all kinds of reasons for missing a copy, such as being out of town, but the bulletin is also on our website. Youth Ministry and the PSR are so good about UPDATES in the bulletin. Again, if you have "teens," please read the "updates."

The following is word for word from last week's bulletin:

Covid-19 has not gone away and, with its Delta variant, makes us put up our guard again. This means "wearing the mask" when with others and close to them. It means first and foremost: Be vaccinated unless there is a medical excuse. I have asked ministers of the Eucharist to wear a mask. Sitting with the congregation it seems best to wear the mask

at the Holy Sacrifice. We will have boxes of masks at the church doors.

The Parish Hall is a great place to participate in real time with a Mass upstairs as it is streamed in at 5 p.m. on Saturday and the 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Someone suggested in an email to me that even in the Parish Hall it would be considerate to wear the mask.

I cannot MAKE people get vaccinated, wear a mask, or social distance. In that connection, again, if one is concerned about the "distancing," use the Parish Hall, where the Mass is STREAMED IN at 8:30, 10, and 11:30, with Communion served. Bishop Raica says that would fulfill the Sunday obligation if the church is too crowded, or if people have some anxiety.

The Catholic information class (R.C.I.A.) starts October 4th. This is the age of the laity, and with the shortage of priests and religious, Vatican II produced a complete document on the LAITY. Pope John Paul II canonized a large number of the laity. They are called to sanctity and to help spread the faith as much as any religious. The term NEW EVANGELIZATION is just a word if our laity don't make any attempt to help others in their relationship with God.

Non-Catholic, non-practicing Catholics, and practicing Catholics are all invited to attend these R.C.I.A. classes held in the Parish Hall. There is more than enough room for social distancing. A light meal is served at 6:30 p.m. and the class will run from 7 until 8 p.m. These are information classes and there is no pressure to join the Church (though the classes would suffice if one desires to do so).

Use the courage that you received at Confirmation and boldly reach out to family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to attend the first of four classes and they might want to keep coming. Offer to come with them.

I had an unusual Monday funeral this past week at which I found a person interested and committed to coming to the R.C.I.A. class. His wife stated she would come with him. Then, at the pre-baptism class this past Tuesday I brought up the subject, and both of the two couples representing two babies accepted the invitation to come to the class. Would that I had more such occasions.

It is the age of the laity to fulfill part of their own baptismal commitment to open a door for anyone who might be interested in learning more about the faith. We priests depend on the laity to help in this New Evangelization age.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

First Friday Devotions are held on the first Friday of every month at 6 a.m.

First Saturday Devotions are held on the first Saturday of every month at 7:15 a.m.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 23	Susan F. O'Donnell Michael Williams Margaret Monte
Tuesday, Aug. 24	Special Intention David Kihneman Connor Elliott
Wednesday, Aug. 25	Danny Waters Sp. Int. Mr. & Mrs. John DeMarco Sp. Int. the Elliott Family
Thursday, Aug. 26	Sp. Int. Jackie Milazzo Vincent Lucia Phillip Rumore
Friday, Aug. 27	Special Intention Sp. Int. Mr. & Mrs. Paul DeMarco Connor Elliott
Saturday, Aug. 28	Donors to OLS School Foundation Duke Rumore Jackie Guercio
Sunday, Aug. 29	People of Parish Anthony DeMarco Connor Elliott

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

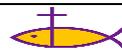
The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Sunday at 11 AM (No permanent adorer)**
- Sunday at 12 PM (No permanent adorer)**
- Saturday at 11 PM (No permanent adorer)**
- Thursday at 11 AM (With partner)**
- Friday at 12 AM (No permanent adorer)**

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed but do select an hour that best fits your schedule. Please call Bo Lovell at 205-965-3041 or email us at olschapel@gmail.com.



Miles Huffstutler, Stephanie Murdock, Carmela Yeakle, Mary Jane Noto, Carolyn Wright, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Who do you say that Jesus is? Can you proclaim with Peter, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God?" Pray for the grace to act on your belief. (Matthew 16:13-21)
For those who are seeking a Church home, may they find a Christian community that strengthens their faith I Jesus.

PSR classes will have a delayed start date due the recent increase in Covid cases in our area. Classes will begin Sunday, September 19, from 10 -11:15 a.m. Health and wellbeing of your children and catechists are our first priority. At that time all health recommendations from local authorities will be considered for any changes to our health/safety plan as we begin classes. Your cooperation and understanding last year allowed us to have in-person classes without having to close. That is our goal for this PSR year. Visit our website for more information at www.olspsr.com or call 208-871-1431.

OLS Mother's Day Out is accepting applications for employment. If you enjoy working with young children; are creative, energetic, and patient, please email Angie Dunston at mdo@ourladyofsorrows.com. Our hours are perfect for those with children in school!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, August 22: Grades 6-12 are invited to a Kick-Off Carnival on the Parking Deck outside the FLC! Come prepared to have fun, be challenged, and possibly get soaked! Face painting, competitions, cotton candy, sno cones, and more!!

Saturday, August 28, is a Catholic Youth on Mission Service Day! Email us if you are interested in working on a local mission to help our community through Catholic Center of Concern, Catholic Social Services, and Holy Family Parish. More details to come!

LifeTeen High School

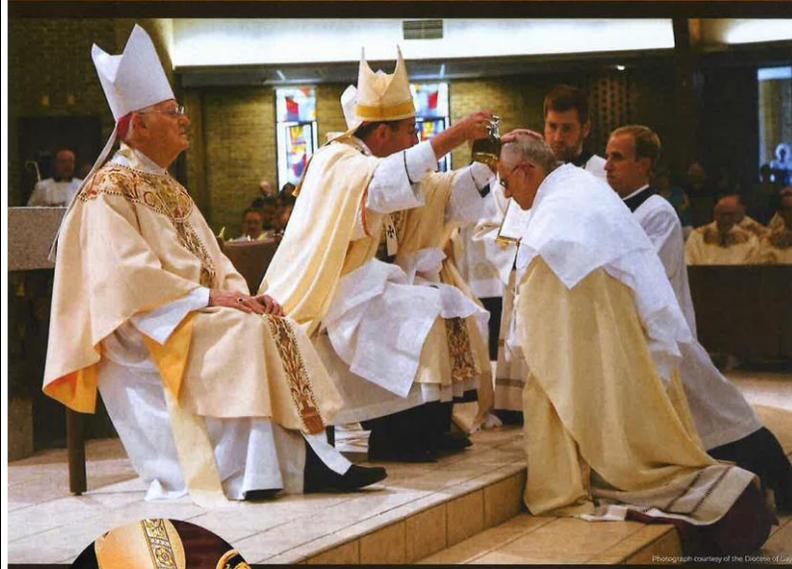
Sunday, August 22: El Camino will be a weekly morning class for teens focused on scripture, small groups, and teambuilding. Be sure to register at www.olspsr.com. Our fall calendar will kick-off on the 22nd with a carnival! Stay tuned for details.

Wednesday, August 25: Our book study is back for the Fall! Girls will read *Choosing to See Beauty* by former FOCUS missionary Maura Prezslar. Guys will read *Man Enough*, a short book that focuses on St. Joseph. Every Wednesday in the youth rooms! Dinner is provided.

EDGE Middle School

Full schedule is available on the website:
www.OLSyouth.com

7TH ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP STEVEN J. RAICA'S **EPISCOPAL ORDINATION**



All are invited to attend the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the bishop's anniversary.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021
10 a.m.**

Cathedral of St. Paul, Birmingham
Reception to follow

For more information,
visit bhmdiocese.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Nazareth House Saturday Program

Catholic high school students interested in working with children and youth having intellectual and developmental disabilities, in a Saturday morning Greater Birmingham area, city-wide program of religious education, are invited to a training workshop on Saturday, August 21. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at St. Francis Xavier School. Those who participate in Nazareth House are eligible for service hours that meet the requirements for high school graduation and college scholarship applications. For more information or directions, contact Sister Mary Vernon Gentle at Mygentle@aol.com or Father Patrick Cullen at Rathmines.Cullen@gmail.com, or call 205-907-0287.